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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6254

BILL NUMBER: HB 1247

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 18, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Obsolete statutes and other school matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (1) This bill requires a governing body of a school corporation to make the school corporation's annual performance report available by either or both of the following methods: (a) on the Internet and by mail or distribution to the parents or guardians of students attending schools operated by the school corporation; or (b) by publication.

(2) The bill allows a school corporation to adopt textbooks that do not appear on the state adoption list without seeking a waiver from the Indiana State Board of Education.

(3) This bill repeals provisions for the following programs that have expired, have not been funded, or do not comply with federal law: (a) Inclusion School Pilot Program. (b) Teacher Quality and Professional Improvement Program. (c) Compulsory attendance exception for children found mentally or physically unfit for school attendance. (d) Governor's Scholars Academy. (e) Innovative Education Grant Program. (f) Art Education Grant Program. (g) Committee on Educational Attitudes, Motivation, and Parental Involvement. (h) Readiness testing. (i) Team pilot program student services. (j) Early childhood, preschool, and latch key pilot programs. (k) Anti-Gang Counseling Pilot Program and Fund.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (1) *Summary:* The bill could reduce the costs of publishing an annual

performance report in the local newspaper as specified under current law. Expenditure savings for school corporations opting to publish a notice (instead of publishing an annual performance report) could be offset by costs associated with providing free copies of the report to interested parties under the bill. (School corporations opting to publish their annual performance reports would incur no additional costs.)

The specific effects of this portion of the bill would vary by school corporation, and would depend upon local action.

Background: Beginning in 1998, school corporations were required to publish an annual performance report in a qualified publication between September 1 and September 15 of each year.

Current practice for publishing annual performance reports is for the Department of Education staff to prepare all charts and explanatory texts and store them on the Department of Education Internet site. DOE also prepares a hard copy of the report and mails them to all school corporations. School corporations are then required to add information on enrollment in the CORE 40 curriculum and vocational education and any additional explanatory text. To make these additions, school corporations either download the portable document format files off the Internet site and add information using specific software or else make the changes manually. This edited version is then forwarded to the local newspapers to be printed in the newspaper's classified section.

(1b) For school corporations opting to publish an annual report in a qualified publication, the "large type and graphics section" of this bill would not result in additional cost to school corporations since the charge for publishing an enhanced report would be regulated by current state law, and would remain proportional to the number of lines of regular reading matter that would have normally occupied the same space in the publication.

(2) These provisions would reduce administrative burdens to school corporations that decide to adopt textbooks not appearing on the state adoption list for textbooks. Cost savings would vary by school corporation.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Indiana School Boards Association; Indiana Department of Education.

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